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For : METHOD FOR MONITORING A CONTROL SYSTEM

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Applicant(s) hereby makes of record the following documents:

DE 195 20 744 C2 with English Abstract

DE 196 35 233 A1 with English Abstract

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Accompanying this Information Disclosure Statement and form PTO-1449 are copies of the documents with English Abstracts.

This submission is not an admission that the information disclosed in the documents is material to the patentability of the invention disclosed and/or claimed in the above-identified application.

REMARKS

Applicant respectfully makes remarks in regard to the references:

DE 195 20 744 C2

The patent describes the infrastructure and organization of distributed components of a conductor system. The components are redundantly provided for security purposes, that is, the condition of the components is "process related" or "not process related".

Claims 1, 2, 3, 4 - The patent claims relate to the secure administration of these conditions "process related" or "not process related" and the necessary infrastructures related thereto. The present invention claims are not taught or suggested, we use no redundant system, it is not necessary for the disclosed condition to be processed.

Claims 5, 6 - Transfer of a consistent picture of the process data by virtue of condition changes of the called-up client. The present invention claims are not respectfully taught or suggested by this

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reference, we use no redundant system, it is not necessary for a condition to be "process related" or "not process related" to be utilized. The transfer of process data is with us not required based on the results or bound to a determined receiver.

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The system described in the patent overviews and controls a part of a "wide area" object, which must be watched for several computers. There is a unit for "taking care" which allocates at least one process which is provided from one "self-computer" to another computer based on controlled administrated conditions.

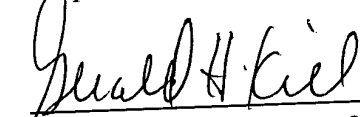
The claims of the present invention are not taught or suggested by this reference, since in the present invention as claimed one or several computers administer communication with other computers. There is no similar control function provided for other computers.

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The patent discusses basis of the decision whether modules of the overall system are added or not. This decision can be provided by periodic polling. Further. "disconnection detector circuitry" comes into play. Finally there is a confirmation of this "disconnection detection".

The present invention claims are not taught or suggested, since here the detection of modules in the system is addressed.

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